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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH APPLICATION

Prior to calculating the application fee due with the patent application filed herewith, kindly amend the claims as follows:

In the specification:

In the first line of the specification, insert: This is a continuation of US application number 08/875,870, filed November 24, 1997, which is a national phase application corresponding to PCT application number PCT/CH96/00041 which was filed February 2, 1996, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

In the claims:

Please delete claims 1 - 16.

Please add the following new claims 17 - 33.

17. A packaging material usable for forming self-supporting packaging items, which packaging material has the form of a quasi-endless rollable web, the packaging material produced by a method comprising the steps of:

producing by expansion and extrusion a foam sheet of a first polyolefin, said foam sheet having first and second sides;

producing by extrusion or coextrusion a first coating film comprising at least one surface layer of a second polyolefin;

producing by extrusion, between the first side of the foam sheet and the surface layer of the first coating film, a first bonding layer of a third polyolefin, and immediately applying pressure to the foam sheet, the first coating film, and the first bonding layer all together;